GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

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RELAXATION OF NORMS FOR ESTABLISHING COLLEGES
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to relax norms for establishing medical colleges in the country to meet the shortfall of medical practitioners in the country;and

(b) if so,the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE(SMT. PANABAKA LAKSHMI)

(a) & (b): The Government has conveyed its decision to the Medical Council of India (MCI) to revise the norms prescribed for opening of new medical colleges in MCI Regulations on Minimum Standard Requirement for Medical colleges for 50/10/150 MBBS Admission Annually.Relaxations have been given in the norms for land requirement criteria for campus,bed strength,indoor occupancy for opening of medical colleges in the States where National Rural Health Mission is operational, North Eastern States,Hill states and Hilly districts in other States.For opening of new Medical Colleges in these areas the total land requirement will be 20 acres in not more than two pieces of land separated by a distance of 15 km as against 25 acres prescribed for other parts of the country.The land separated by a road or canal connected with a bridge shall be treated as one piece of land for opening of Medical Colleges.The criteria relating to bed strength in the teaching hospitals at the time of starting Medical College has been relaxed to 250 beds as against the 300 beds prescribe for other parts of the country.The criteria for indoor bed occupancy in these areas as in relaxed to 60%.This will help in opening of new medical colleges in unserved and under-served areas of the country and also increase the number of medical colleges as well as production of doctors in the country.These decisions will take effect only on notification by the Medical Council of India.